

Making the Tobacco Control Act Easy to Understand and Use



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The historic Family Smoking Prevention and Tobacco Control Act, commonly referred to as the Tobacco Control Act, gave FDA sweeping new authority to create a healthier future for America's families by regulating the manufacture, distribution, and marketing of tobacco products.

The law, signed on June 22, 2009, ushered in a new era of tobacco control by recognizing that almost all new users of tobacco products are under age 18—the minimum legal age to purchase.

One of the aims of the Tobacco Control Act is to curb the trend of children becoming addicted before they are old enough to understand the risks and prevent these vulnerable new users from dying too young of tobacco-related diseases.

Search the Act

FDA has launched several tools to make the Tobacco Control Act easier to access and use. These tools also will help you understand specific information from the 68-page law.

- Check out the Searchable Tobacco Control Act by visiting FDA.gov/tobaccocontrolact. You can search the Act by audience, type of tobacco, or topic to find relevant sections more easily.
- Visit our overview of the Act for a snapshot of its significance and what authority it gives FDA: FDA.gov/TobaccoProducts/GuidanceComplianceRegulatoryInformation/ucm246129.htm.

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